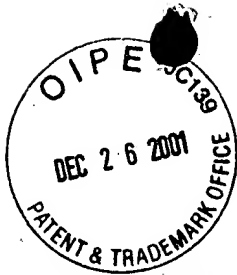


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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement mailed November 29,
2001, kindly consider the remarks which follow.

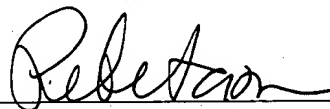
REMARKS

The Examiner required restriction between Group I, claims 1-65 and 71-80,
drawn to an optical apparatus and methods of use, and Group II, claims 66-70, drawn to a
method of making a surface optical apparatus.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, the claims of Group I, claims 1-65 and 71-80, directed to a surface optical apparatus and method of use in Class 250, Subclass 234. In the event that such claims become allowable, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of Group II, claims 66-70 under M.P.E.P. §821.04.

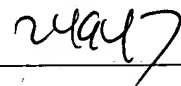
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